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Reservation of lands for depressed classes.

* 835 *Q*.—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any annual return fixed by the Government regarding the lands reserved for Depressed Classes to be submitted by the Collectors to the Board of Revenue; and

(*b*) if so, whether the return for the year ending 31st December 1952 will be placed on the table of the House in the form in which it has to be submitted to Government by Board?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Lease for selling the brushwood in Cauvery Padugai.

* 836 *Q*.—SRI S. P. THANGAVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have leased out to Dr. T. S. S. Rajan of Thiruvengimalai the surface brushwood and tree brushwood in Cauvery Padugai between Musiri ferry ghat and Mudakkusalai from the year 1947 onwards; and

(*b*) what was the usual practice adopted by the Government in selling the brushwood in Cauvery Padugai and why was it departed from, in this case?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The sale is by public auction usually. A lease without auction was granted to Dr. Rajan for 1947 as he offered an amount not less than the average rental for the preceding 8 years and he had rendered signal service in organizing farm work and agricultural reform on his own in the neighbourhood and in the production of food during a critical period. Subsequently, the lease was renewed to him in 1949, as he agreed to pay Rs. 200 and as only one other person had offered that amount, and again in 1951, as there were no other specific offers then."

Local Fund dispensaries at Mannarghat and Ottapalam.

* 837 *Q*.—SRI K. M. SEETHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have a proposal to convert the Local Fund dispensaries at Mannarghat and Ottapalam into Government hospitals?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The answer is in the negative."